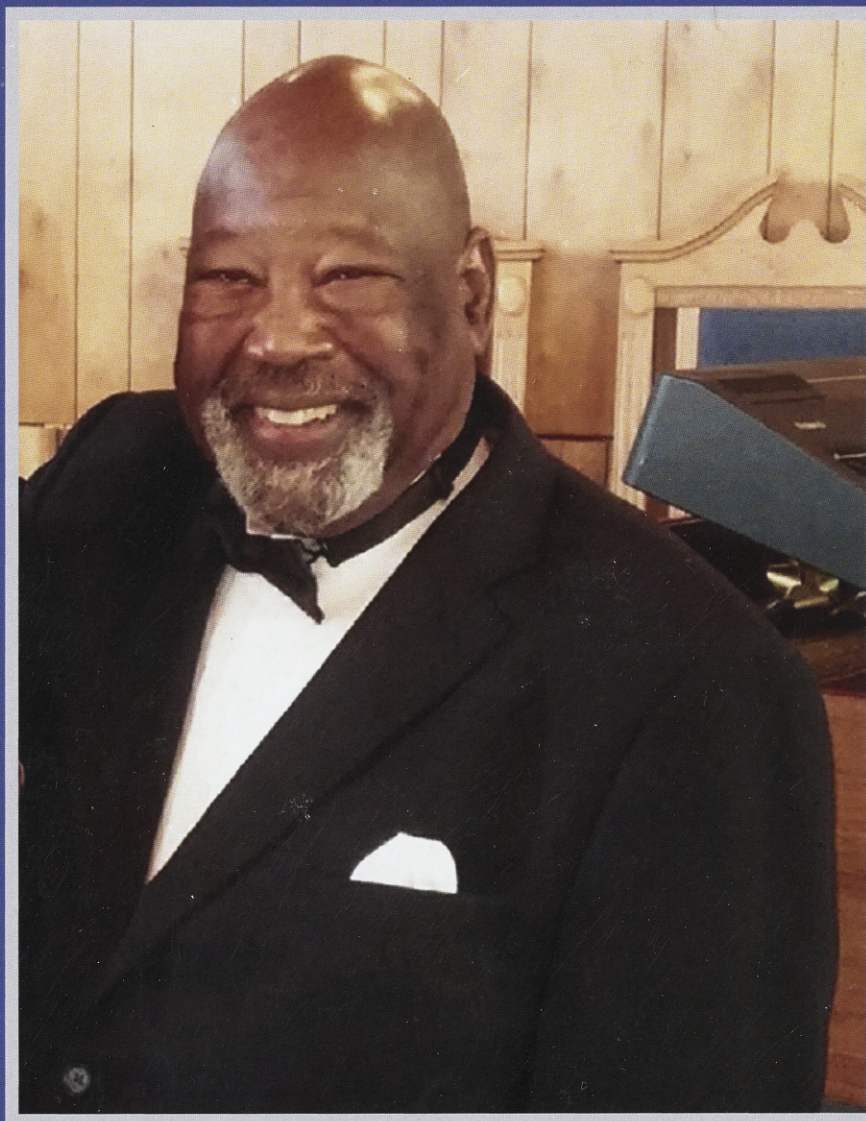


# **HOMEGOING CELEBRATION ELDER JAMES BATTLE, JR.**



**SUNRISE**  
**December 18, 1941**

**SUNSET**  
**March 31, 2016**

**Services Held:**  
**April 7, 2016**  
**Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**  
**6901 Herbert Guice Way**  
**Oakland, CA 94621**  
**Officiating Pastor - Dr. Todd A. Battle**



## ELDER JAMES BATTLE

Elder James Battle Jr. was born into this life on December 18, 1941 to his parents Deacon James Battle Sr. and Wealthy Battle in Shreveport, LA. He was the 5th born of seven children. While he was a young child, the family relocated to Richmond, CA. From an early age, the family was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, and was baptized at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond, CA under the leadership of Rev. Dr. A.H. Newman. Elder Battle was active in the church and in sports as a young man, attending Richmond High School and Contra Costa Community College (CCC) in San Pablo, CA. It was at CCC, that a beautiful young lady caught his attention, captivated his mind, and captured his heart one day in the college lunchroom: Ms. Annie Joline "Lonie" Harris. She became the true love of his life, and on February 24, 1963, they were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. From this blessed union, their 3 boys were born: Tyrone, Terry and Todd, the "3 Ts". He and Lonie were always active and in complete support of their children in everything they did. Elder Battle was truly "A Daddy That Looked"!!!

But Elder Battle's love for children extended far beyond the "3 Ts"; he extended his fatherhood to any young person who needed him, often being a team taxi for Little League Baseball and Pop Warner Football games, and taking many of the kids in the neighborhood to Oakland A's games and other activities. He truly was a Father and Daddy to anyone who needed him.

Elder Battle had an extraordinary zest and zeal for life, loving a variety of foods and music. But he really loved the outdoors and especially REAL camping in tents, sleeping bags and camp fires. If you were around him, but were hesitant to try new foods, new music, or the outdoors, he would always say, "WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE???"

His hearty smile and laugh were experienced by those he worked with him at Baker & Hamilton Warehouse in San Francisco, CA for many years. But also through his leadership as head of security at Bill Graham Presents (BGP) concert promotions for many years. Even if people didn't know his name, they knew "The Guy With The Black Stetson Cowboy Hat"!!!

Elder Battle's greatest love was serving The Lord Jesus Christ. He served as Deacon at the Matthew Zion MBC of San Francisco, CA under the leadership of Rev. H.A. McBride for several years. His belief in The Word of God, especially Christ's admonition of "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" caused he and Lonie to begin attending Bay Cities Bible College. It is here that they met Rev. Dr. M. Donel Reedus. Soon after, they united with the Grace Baptist Church of Oakland, CA and when organized, East Bay Bible Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. M. Donel Reedus, where he served as Deacon, Elder, Building Maintenance Ministry Leader, Servant of The Seniors ministry and any other places he was needed.

Elder Battle was a firm believer in "Let Everything That Have Breath, Praise The Lord" and loved gospel music, especially quartet singing. He was instrumental in organizing and managing "The Kingdom Travelers" and "Priesthood Nation". He wanted to make sure that Good Ol' Gospel Music always had an avenue to be heard, so he and Lonie joined the Oakland Bay Area Gospel Quartet Singers, Incorporation Chapter 80-3, where he served as Chairman of the Chapter. He was vitally instrumental in carrying on the legacy of 3rd Sunday musicals, allowing established gospel singers to exercise their gifts and talents, and exposing new, up and coming gospel artists to the Bay Area. He served faithfully for several years, even when he felt less than great, because he understood "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last!" Elder Battle's greatest joy in this life aside from spending time with the Precious Jewel in his life, Lonie, was his grandchildren: Patrice, De'Vona, Lea and Michael. He simply adored them, and loved to hear those wonderful words: "HI POPPIE!!!!" He was blessed beyond measure to see the birth of his only great grandchild, Josiah (Jo-Jo), and recently stated how truly blessed he was that God allowed him to see 4 generations of family. The Lord allowed him not only to see his children's children, he understood what a blessing it was to see his children's children's children!!!

Elder Battle was greeted by the angels and carried into the Bosom of the Lord Jesus Christ on March 31, 2016. He was preceded into that great ascension to Heaven by his parents, Dea. James Battle Sr. and Wealthy Battle. He leaves to cherish his precious memories The Love Of His Life and Wife for over 53 years, Sis. Lonie Battle, His sons, Tyrone, Terry and Todd (Trisha), his grandchildren Patrice, De'Vona, Lea and Michael, his great grandson Josiah, his siblings Jesse (Charlean), Mattie, Vera, Luzan, Robert (Shirley), and Herbert Lee, Sisters-In-Law, Martha Pittman and Nudie Rose, and a host of nieces, nephews, adopted sons and daughters, family & friends. Thank You Elder James Battle Jr. ,

"The Bay Area's Deacon" for a life well lived!!! Rest On Old Soldier!!! We'll See You On The Other Side!!!

## ELDER JAMES BATTLE JR. HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

DR. M. DONEL REEDUS, EULOGIST

DR. T.A. BATTLE, PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL/ENTRANCE OF CLERGY & FAMILY

DR. T.A. BATTLE, PRESIDING

OLD TESTAMENT READING, PSALMS 100

MIN. RONALD JACKSON, Sr.

NEW TESTAMENT READING, I THESS. 4:13-18

MIN. DEREK JACKSON

PRAYER OF COMFORT

PASTOR DONALD COLEMAN

SONG: "I'VE BEEN REDEEMED"

PASTOR MICHAEL ROBINSON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS/RESOLUTIONS

SIS. JUDY REEDUS

SONG OF PRAISE

PRIESTHOOD NATION

RECOGNITION OF CLERGY

DR. T.A. BATTLE

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

CONGREGATION

WRITTEN WORDS ON ENCOURAGEMENT TO FAMILY

CONGREGATION

(In Lieu Of Verbal Expressions, The Family Has Asked That All Who Wish To Express Words Of Encouragement Or Memories, Please Write Them Down On The Page Enclosed, Sign Them And Deposit Them In The Basket In The Vestibule. The Family Will Read Them All. Thank You)

SONG OF PRAISE

EBBC MALE CHORUS

WORD FROM THE LORD

DR. M. DONEL REEDUS, PASTOR

RECESSIONAL

MINISTERS/CONGREGATION



### **ACTIVE PALLBEARERS:**

**Rev. R.G. Robinson, Elder Henry Washington, Roy Davis, Deacon Anthony Hunter, David Gibbs, Reggie Wyatt, Elder Arthur Young, Deacon Darrin Baker**

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS:**

**Tyrone Battle, Terry Battle, Pastor Todd Battle, Michael Battle, Josiah "Jo-Jo" Adams, Jesse Larry Battle, Terry Battle (Nephew), Hasani Redic, Alaric Battle, Craig Battle, Chris Battle, Keith Battle, Sean Battle**



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**The family of Elder James Battle would like to express our most sincere gratitude for all of your prayers and all of your heartfelt wishes. God bless you and your families.**

#### **INTERNMENT**

**Immediately following:  
Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
4100 Hilltop Drive Richmond  
Richmond, CA 94803**

#### **REPAST**

**Immediately following  
Internment:  
East Bay Bible Church  
11200 Golf Links Rd.  
Oakland, CA 94605**

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